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Army review(s) completed.

30 October 1963

Mr. Sherrod East
Director, World War II Records Division
National Archives and Records Service, GSA
King and Union Streets
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. East:

The Central Intelligence Agency cannot concur in declassification of the enclosed OSS and SGU documents transmitted with your memorandum of 9 July 1963. The documents have been reviewed at the highest levels of immediate concern, and I regret that your request must be denied on the ground that, along with other valid reasons, declassification and release at this time would not be in the best interests of the United States Government.

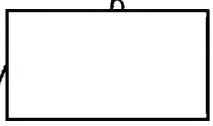
Sincerely yours,


CIA Records Administration Officer

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] CIA Records Administration
Officer/DDS
VIA: [REDACTED] CIA Classification Control
Officer

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SUBJECT: Request by Sherrod East, Director, WW II Records Division, National Archives and Records Services, GSA, for declassification and release of Interrogation Reports of the ART LOOTING INVESTIGATION UNIT, OSS and SSU, as itemized in an inventory attached to the reference.

REFERENCE: Letter from Sherrod East to [REDACTED] and attachments thereto dated 9 July 1963.

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Review of these subject documents has been made at the highest levels of immediate concern and the decision has been concurred in that the request must be denied on the ground that, along with other valid reasons, declassification and release at this time would not be in the best interests of the United States Government.

Returned herewith is all material received by you from National Archives per inventory.

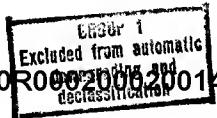
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[REDACTED]
Executive Secretary
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

Attachments:
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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Records Administration
Officer/DDS

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SUBJECT: Your routing slip of 12 July 1963 via Mr. John [REDACTED] Classification Control Officer, concerning a request by National Archives and Records Services of 9 July 1963 for downgrading "ART LOOTING DOCUMENTS - Germany, WW II".

1. It is requested that you notify Mr. Sherrod East, Director WW II Records Division of National Archives and Records Service, that delay in processing his request has been due to the need for further investigation.

2. Every effort is being made and it is hoped that a decision can be made on the question within a short time.

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Sincerely /

[REDACTED]
Executive Secretary
Strategic Services Unit

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D.C.

July 9, 1963

IN REPLY REFER TO: NMWR

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[REDACTED]
Records Administration Officer
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E. Street N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

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[REDACTED]

The National Archives has received requests for the Interrogation Reports of the Art Looting Investigation Unit, OSS, and the Strategic Services Unit, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Some of these reports were forwarded by the Department of State to your office in 1959, with a request for declassification. At that time CIA concensus was not favorable toward declassification and release. In view of the current interest in the subject of art looting and the lapse of time from the last review, we request reconsideration of the previous action on the reports transmitted with this letter.

The latest regrading action of the Department of the Army on Consolidated Report No. 4, Linz is reflected on that document and in The Adjutant General's letter of May 2, 1963, copy enclosed. It appears that the Army will take review and regrading action only on Strategic Services Unit documents produced after October 1, 1945.

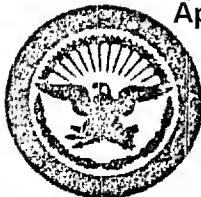
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherrod East".
Sherrod East
Director, World War II Records
Division

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HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

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MAY 2 1963

Mr. Starred East
Director, World War II Records Division
National Archives and Records Service, GSA
King and Union Streets
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. East:

Reference is made to your request for a declassification review of Cir #4 - Line.

With two exceptions this record has now been regraded UNCLASSIFIED. The exceptions are Page 34, which is missing, and one of the attachments, which is an OSS document. The Army does not have unilateral authority to declassify this OSS document but it has no objections to its declassification.

In connection with propriety of release your attention is invited to the following pages which contain allegations against individuals.

- Page 39 - 4th line from the bottom of the page.
- Page 48 - 2nd paragraph.
- Page 52 - last word "shady".
- Page 53 - (5) 2nd paragraph - last two lines

The entire document remains classified CONFIDENTIAL because of the retention of the classification on the OSS document. However, with its deletion the balance of the document is UNCLASSIFIED.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Lambert
J. C. LAMBERT adj.
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

1 Enclosure

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